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It can not even be said to inherently practice the present invention.

Although both Appleman and the present invention are directed to problems resulting from shortcomings in conventional bookmarking procedures, the problems which Appleman addresses are quite different from the problems to which the present invention is directed. Consequently, the novel solution to its problem provided by the present invention is quite different from Appleman's system. The present invention is directed user processing of lengthy accessed Web documents in which only a relatively small section is of interest to the user. Accordingly, the invention provides the user with the option of either conventionally bookmarking the entire received Web document or defining sections of a lengthy Web document and individually bookmarking such defined sections to thereby treat such sections as independent bookmarked secondary documents. This enables the user to be linked directly to the Web document section of interest to him without going through the process of conventionally bookmarking and thereby accessing the entire long Web document, and then going through the document page by page until the area of interest is reached.

On the other hand, Appleman is directed to a problem which is almost the opposite of the problem which the present invention solves. This is clearly set forth at column 2, lines 20-31 (specifically cited by Examiner). Appleman's object is to form a composite Web document combining pages from multiple Web sites. However, conventional bookmarking presents a problem to him:

"The use of bookmarks presents a problem for web pages as multiple coordinated, or framed, web pages. A bookmark is a reference to a single URL address..... When the user attempts to re-access the page with the bookmark, the browser display will load only one frame, which provides only part of the coordinated framed presentation of data."

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Thus, unlike the problem addressed by the present invention of how to reduce the size of a large Web document accessed through a bookmark, Appleton's problem results from getting too little of his combination Web document through a bookmark.

It should be noted that the above quoted section is the only mention that Appleton makes of bookmarking in his whole patent. Because of the problems that Appleton's system has with bookmarks, the patent dismisses the use of bookmarks to Web sites and instead makes use of human guides to maintain web sites specialized to areas of particular interest to the users. Appleman then combines the information from an appropriate set of such human guide maintained sites to be displayed within a template or framework which has the look and feel of a Web document.

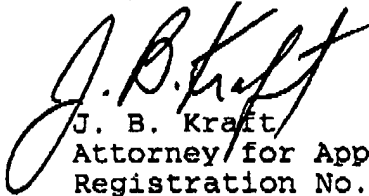
It is not seen how a patent with a single reference to bookmarks and then only as being inadequate can be considered as an anticipatory teaching under 35 U.S.C. 102 of the present invention which provides the user with the option of either conventionally bookmarking the entire received Web document or individually bookmarking defined sections of the document and treating such sections as independent secondary bookmarked documents.

Claims 7, 14, and 21 cover aspects of the present invention having even further patentability over Appleman. These claims cover a combination wherein if a secondary bookmarked document is accessed, its primary Web document may then be accessed through the secondary document. Since Appleman fails to disclose such secondary bookmarked documents, Appleman can not teach accessing other Web documents through such secondary documents.

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In view of the foregoing, claims 1-21, all of the claims in the present patent application are submitted to be in condition for allowance, such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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